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One Hundred Third meeting of
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Monday, January 15, 1973, 7:30 P.M.
Midway Hills Christian Church
11001 Midway Road
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

NOTE

PROGRAM: "Early Trade Dollars"

SPEAKER: Randolph Zander

Our special guest for this month will be Mr. Randolph Zander, who has been a member since October 1970. Mr. Zander, from Alexandria, Virginia, travels to Dallas to attend his first meeting here and will present a 30-minute lecture on "Early Trade Dollars". The lecture will also consist of film slides. Our speaker has traveled a long way and each member in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area is urged to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

IMPORTANT: Notice two changes in this month's meeting. FIRST, the night has been changed to the third Monday, to accomodate the travel schedule of our speaker. SECOND, the meeting place has been changed due to a mixup in the scheduling of our regular meeting place.

The meeting will be held in the Youth Building on the northwest corner of the church property. Park in the lot on the south side of the church and come to the building on the northwest corner of the area. Signs will be out to direct you to the meeting room. SEE MAP INSIDE FOR LOCATION OF THE CHURCH AT 11001 MIDWAY ROAD, DALLAS.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:

The post-holiday season is a natural time to reflect on our activities and accomplishments during the past year and to look forward to the challenges and opportunities we face in the coming years.

We can be proud of the performance of NI and our achievements during the past year. Participation of NI in the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) and American Numismatic Association (ANA) annual conventions, publication of NI's first book, improved bulletins, a balanced budget, and a membership of 500 were the major accomplishments for 1972.

These successes don't just happen. They are the result of the efforts of each individual involved. During 1973 I pledge my services and support for an even greater year. Several of our incomplete projects will continue on to completion and some special surprises are in store for NI. You will be receiving additional information on these items throughout the year.

If each of us dedicated ourself to putting forth our best efforts in the coming years, I am sure we can improve NI's position as an international leader in numismatics.

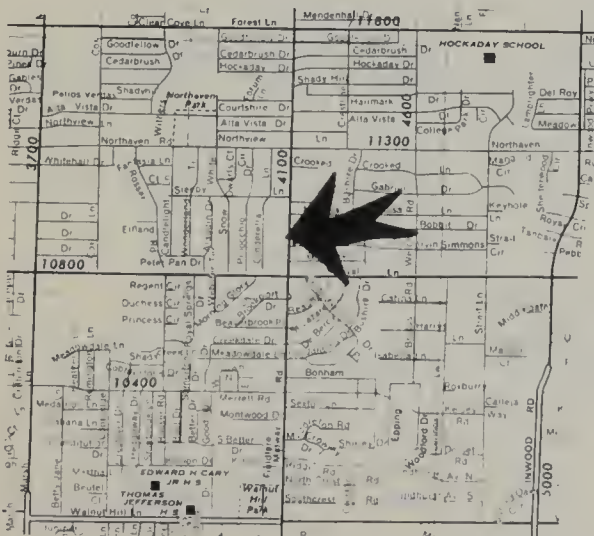
I want to thank you for your efforts and contribution to our successes and to wish you a successful year.

Sincerely,

Phineas Scott

President

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY AND MEETING NIGHT:



The map to the left will show the location of this month's meeting.

Also, please note that the meeting night has been changed to the third Monday, January 15th, to accomodate the travel schedule of our speaker, Mr. Randolph Zander.

Again, we strongly urge every member in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area to make a special effort to be in attendance at this meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DECEMBER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Membership Applications Nos. 820-827 published in the December 1972 NI Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

JANUARY APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objections are received by February 1, 1973, their membership will become effective that date.
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(Dealer in World Coins)
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(Coins and Currency of China, Nepal, Tibet, Thailand, Turkey)
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(Dealer in World Coins)

REINSTATEMENT: The following member has complied with the By-Laws and is hereby reinstated to full membership:

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(Dealer in World Coins)
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COPPER COINS OF THE BAHMANI SHAHS OF GULBARGA

by Richard K. Bright

In recent years an increasing number of copper coins struck by the Bahmani Shahs of Gulbarga have become available at modest prices but the literature describing these coins is either expensive or seldom advertised. The most comprehensive and available work describing these coins is "Bahmani Coins in the Andhra Pradesh Government Museum, Hyderabad" by Abdul Waheed Khan and published in 1964. This article will seek to describe the copper coins of the Bahmani Shahs, leaving their coins in gold and silver for a later date as the coins struck in the precious metals are still scarce and seldom offered.

The territories ruled by the Bahmani Shahs of Gulbarga were in the Indian Deccan centering around present day Hyderabad and at their greatest extent stretched from the Arabian Sea in the west to the Bay of Bengal in the east. By 1335AD these lands were part of the empire of the Sultans of Delhi under Muhammad III Tughluq, a king of considerable military ability but who lacked the talent to rule and hold onto the lands he claimed. Being dissatisfied with Delhi rule, the Deccan nobles elected Nasir-ud-din Ismail Shah as the first independent sultan of the Deccan. This was in 1364 and after a series of battles with the Delhi armies in which the Deccan forces were ultimately successful, the southern general, Zafar Khan, became so popular that Ismail Shah decided to abdicate in his favor. Zafar Khan ascended the throne on August 3, 1347, taking the title of 'Ala-ud-din Bahman Shah and thus founded the dynasty that lasted until 1526. The list of the Bahmani Shahs is:

1.	Bahman Shah	1347-1358
2.	Muhammad Shah I	1358-1375
3.	Mujahid Shah	1375-1378
4.	Daud Shah I	1378
5.	Muhammad Shah II	1378-1397
6.	Tahmatan Shah	1397
7.	Daud Shah II	1397
8.	Firuz Shah	1397-1422
9.	Ahmad Shah I	1422-1435
10.	Ahmad Shah II	1435-1457
11.	Humayun Shah	1457-1461
12.	Ahmad Shah III	1461-1463
13.	Muhammad Shah III	1463-1482
14.	Mahmud Shah	1482-1518
15.	Ahmad Shah IV	1518-1521
16.	'Ala-ud-din	1521-1522
17.	Waliullah Shah	1522-1524
18.	Kelimullah Shah	1524-1526

All rulers with the exception of Daud Shah I, Ahmad Shah IV, and 'Ala-ud-din struck coins in copper. It is not necessary to go into a detailed history of the state except to say that the first 140 years was a period of expansion under able rulers so that the kingdom reached its greatest extent under the rule of Muhammad Shah III. Mahmud, his successor, was unable to hold the considerable realm which started its decline over the last 40 years and culminated in its extinction when the governors of the provinces became strong

enough to declare their independence and formed the kingdoms of Golconda, Ahmadnagar, Bijapur, Berar, and Bidar.

The first dated Bahmani copper coins were struck by Muhammad Shah II but the dates are seldom legible as they were written out in Persian script instead of numerals around the reverse margin where they were frequently struck off the flan, wholly or in part and where, if they were struck, they have been obliterated due to wear or clipping. This practice seems to have been continued by Daud Shah and possibly Firuz Shah. With the coins of Ahmad Shah I, the date was written in Persian numerals in the reverse exergue or at the bottom without an exergue, which practice continued on dated coins until the end of the state.

The mint name is found on only one copper type each of Firuz Shah, Ahmad Shah I, and Ahmad Shah II, that on the coins of Firuz being Ahsanabad (Gulbarga) while on the latter two, Muhammadabad (Bidar). Fathabad was an additional mint name but is found only on a few silver coins of Muhammad I.

In general, when determining the denominations of these crude copper dumps, the weight is of paramount importance as the diameters can vary by several millimeters, depending on the thickness, so that different weight coins can have overlapping diameters (See Table II). Nowhere have I been able to find an authority that goes into much detail on the metrology of these coins but some conclusions can be made by comparing them to the contemporary coins of the Sultans of Delhi as rulers of new states were seldom willing to make drastic changes in their coinage from that which was already in circulation. The Delhi copper coins of the period were small and counted as a falus of 32 ratis, a rati being an Indian measure of weight at this time equivalent to 1.8 grains so that 32 rati weighed 57.5 grains or 3.72 grams. The first three Bahmani kings issued copper coins of this weight or its divisions and in appearance, they were very similar to the Delhi coins. Firuz III of Delhi (1351-88) in the latter part of his reign commenced to mint jitals or falus on a new standard of 40 ratis plus the $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ pieces and Muhammad Shah I seems also to have issued a $\frac{1}{2}$ falus of 20 ratis or 2.33 grams. Coins continued to be struck to these two standards until Mubarak II of Delhi (1421-34) instituted a third standard of 48 rati falus and struck the single and double pieces. Firuz Shah, his early contemporary, struck only the single falus of this standard while continuing to strike single and double 32 rati pieces.

The first Bahmani break with Delhi coinage came with the rule of Ahmad Shah I, 1422-35. Coins continued to be struck to the 48 rati standard but besides the single falus, $1\frac{1}{2}$ and triple pieces were minted while the Delhi rulers struck double pieces and nothing heavier. The double falus was added by the next ruler, Ahmad Shah II. The four weights were continued during the reign of Humayun Shah but the $1\frac{1}{2}$ falus seems to have been omitted during the short rule of Ahmad Shah III. Muhammad Shah III, 1463-82 added the small $\frac{1}{4}$ falus. Two curious coins mentioned in Khan and apparently previously unreported, each weigh 3.47 grams. This weight

could only be explained by considering them to be falus struck to the 32 rati standard (See Table I), a standard which had been out of use for a hundred years. In addition, the style and appearance of the coins suggests that they were struck sometime before the reign of Muhammad Shah III. I believe that they were coined by Muhammad I who struck several types of 32 rati falus and whose coins these most closely resemble. They are designated II/5 in the following list.

Mahmud Shah, 1482-1518, continued to strike coins of the five weights of the 48 rati standard of his predecessor but seems also to have minted falus and double falus to the 40 rati standard which was also revived in Delhi at about the same time. The last two coin issuing rulers continued to strike to the 48 rati standard.

TABLE I

32 RATI STANDARD

$\frac{1}{4}$ falus of 8 rati	0.94 grams
$\frac{1}{2}$ falus of 16 rati	1.86 grams
1 falus of 32 rati	3.72 grams
$1\frac{1}{2}$ falus of 48 rati	5.60 grams
2 falus of 64 rati	7.44 grams

40 RATI STANDARD

$\frac{1}{2}$ falus of 20 rati	2.33 grams
1 falus of 40 rati	4.66 grams
$1\frac{1}{2}$ falus of 60 rati	6.99 grams
2 falus of 80 rati	9.32 grams
3 falus of 120 rati	13.98 grams

48 RATI STANDARD

$\frac{1}{3}$ falus of 24 rati	2.80 grams
1 falus of 48 rati	5.60 grams
$1\frac{1}{2}$ falus of 72 rati	8.40 grams
2 falus of 96 rati	11.20 grams
3 falus of 144 rati	16.80 grams

The following, with reference to Table II, is a description of the coins.

I. BAHMAN SHAH, 1347-58

1. $\frac{1}{4}$ Falus of 8 rati. Type as I/3.
2. $\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 16 rati. Type as I/3.
3. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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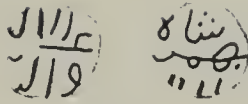
TABLE II

No.	Type	Weight	Denomination	Standard	Ave. weight	Diameter
I	Bahman Shah, 1347-58	1	$\frac{1}{4}$ Falus	32 rati	1.00 grams	12mm
		2	$\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	32 rati	1.63 grams	10.4-13.5mm
		3	1 Falus	32 rati	3.15 grams	12.2-15.2mm
II	Muhammad Shah I, 1358-75	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	40 rati	2.24 grams	?
		2	1 Falus	32 rati	3.49 grams	13.2-15.5mm
		3	1 Falus	32 rati	3.37 grams	12.7-15.5mm
		4	1 Falus	32 rati	3.20 grams	12.7-15.2mm
		5	1 Falus	32 rati	3.47 grams	12.7-13.2mm
III	Mujahid Shah, 1375-78	1	1 Falus	32 rati	3.27 grams	13.0-14.5mm
IV	Muhammad Shah II, 1378-97	1	1 Falus	40 rati	4.96 grams	15.2-18.3mm
V	Tahmatan Shah, 1397	1	1 Falus	40 rati	4.79 grams	15.7-17.8mm
VI	Deud Shah II, 1397	1	1 Falus	40 rati	4.91 grams	16.6-18.7mm
VII	Firuz Shah, 1397-1422	1	1 Falus	32 rati	3.46 grams	13.0-14.7mm
		2	1 Falus	48 rati	5.13 grams	14.0-17.8mm
		3	2 Falus	32 rati	7.12 grams	17mm

No	Type	Weight	Denomination	Standard	Ave. weight	Diameter
VIII Ahmad Shah I, 1422-25						
1	1	1	1 Falus	48 rati	5.16 grams	15.2-17.2mm
2	2	2	1½ Falus	48 rati	8.05 grams	17.8-18.2mm
3	3	3	3 Falus	48 rati	16.20 grams	20.8-23.1mm
IX Ahmad Shah II, 1435-57						
1	1	1	1 Falus	48 rati	5.26 grams	15.2-16.0mm
2	2	2	1½ Falus	48 rati	8.05 grams	17.0-20.8mm
3	3	3	2 Falus	48 rati	10.82 grams	18.2-20.0mm
4	4	4	3 Falus	48 rati	16.30 grams	20.6-22.8mm
X Humayun Shah, 1457-61						
1	1	1	1 Falus	48 rati	5.75 grams	15.7-17.6mm
2	2	2	1½ Falus	48 rati	8.05 grams	17.2-18.2mm
3	3	3	2 Falus	48 rati	10.90 grams	18.8-22.3mm
4	3	4	3 Falus	48 rati	16.20 grams	21.1-24.9mm
XI Ahmad Shah III, 1461-63						
1	1	1	1 Falus	48 rati	5.26 grams	15.7-16.0mm
2	2	2	2 Falus	48 rati	10.97 grams	18.3-19.0mm
3	3	3	3 Falus	48 rati	16.50 grams	20.8-21.6mm
XII Muhammad Shah III, 1462-82						
1	1	1	½ Falus	48 rati	2.70 grams	11.7-14.0mm
2	2	2	1 Falus	48 rati	5.39 grams	15.2-15.7mm
3	3	2	1 Falus	48 rati	5.36 grams	15.5-16.0mm
4	3	3	1½ Falus	48 rati	8.25 grams	17.8mm
5	3	4	2 Falus	48 rati	11.20 grams	18.2-20.0mm
6	3	5	3 Falus	48 rati	16.50 grams	18.0-22.0mm
7	4	5	3 Falus	48 rati	16.60 grams	21.0-21.5mm

TABLE II, CONTD.

No.	Type	Weight	Denomination	Standard	Ave. weight	Diameter
XIII Mahmud Shah, 1482-1518						
1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	2.78 grams	9.6-12.7mm
2	2	2	1 Falus	40 rati	4.83 grams	16.5mm
3	3	3	1 Falus	48 rati	5.40 grams	15.2-16.5mm
4	4	3	1 Falus	48 rati	5.60 grams	15.0-16.0mm
5	4	4	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	8.14 grams	17.0-18.0mm
6	5	4	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	8.40 grams	17.2-18.0mm
7	6	5	2 Falus	40 rati	9.23 grams	18.3-19.0mm
8	4	6	2 Falus	48 rati	11.04 grams	18.8-20.0mm
9	5	6	2 Falus	48 rati	11.20 grams	18.5-20.5mm
10	4	7	3 Falus	48 rati	16.40 grams	20.3-21.6mm
XIV Waliullah Shah, 1522-24						
1	1	1	1 Falus	48 rati	5.60 grams	15.7-16.5mm
2	2	2	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	8.00 grams	17.8mm
3	2	3	2 Falus	48 rati	10.82 grams	17.8-19.8mm
4	3	4	3 Falus	48 rati	16.36 grams	20.9-22.1mm
XV Kalimullah Shah, 1524-26						
1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	2.80 grams	11.2-13.2mm
2	2	2	1 Falus	48 rati	5.57 grams	15.2-17.3mm
3	3	2	1 Falus	48 rati	5.20 grams	16.2-19.0mm
4	3	3	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	8.45 grams	18.0mm
5	4	3	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus	48 rati	8.08 grams	17.0-18.8mm
6	3	4	2 Falus	48 rati	10.50 grams	19.0mm
7	4	4	2 Falus	48 rati	11.33 grams	18.0-20.3mm
8	3	5	3 Falus	48 rati	16.60 grams	22.0mm
9	5	5	3 Falus	48 rati	16.60 grams	21.6-25.1mm
10	6	5	3 Falus	48 rati	17.25 grams	21.6-22.0mm



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II. Muhammad Shah I, 1358-75

1. 1 Falus of 20 rati. Type unknown
2. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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3. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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4. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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5. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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III. MUJAHID SHAH, 1375-78

1. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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IV. MUHAMMAD SHAH II, 1378-97

1. 1 Falus of 32 rati. Date in reverse margin.

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V. TAHMATAN SHAH, 1397

1. 1 Falus of 40 rati. Date in reverse margin.

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VI. DAUD SHAH II, 1397

1. 1 Falus of 40 rati. Date (?) in reverse margin.

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VII. FIRUZ SHAH, 1397-1422

1. 1 Falus of 32 rati.

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2. 1 Falus of 48 rati. Type as VII/3.

3. 2 Falus of 32 rati.

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VIII. AHMAD SHAH I, 1422-35

1. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

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2. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

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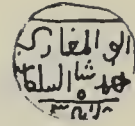
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IX. AHMAD SHAH II, 1435-57

1. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

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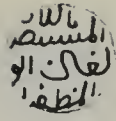
2. 1½ Falus of 48 rati.

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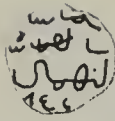
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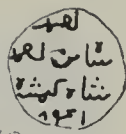
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3. 2 Falus of 48 rati.

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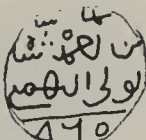
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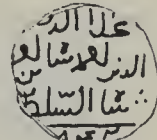
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IX/3



IX/4



X. HUMAYUN SHAH, 1457-61

1. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

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نركا عطا

Rev.

هيا بولشها
بن لعمري شها
السلطان
date

2. 1½ Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

المستو كل
على كرم صلاته
الحنان الغني

Rev.

هما يوتو لنشا
بن محمد نسا
الولي البهمن

3. 2 Falus of 48 rati. Type as X/4.

4. 3 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

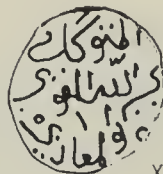
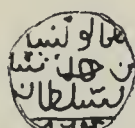
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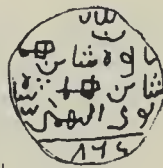
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XI. AHMAD SHAH III, 1461-63

1. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

الوالتق
باللى الحسن

Rev.

ابوالمظفر
احمد شاه
السلطان

2. 2 Falus of 48 rati.

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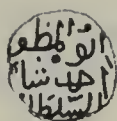
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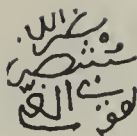
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بن هما يوتو لنشا
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XI/1



XI/2

XII. MUHAMMAD SHAH III, 1463-82

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

محمد
سا

Rev.

بن
مس

2. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

الله
المختص
ابو المظفر

Rev.

محمد شاه
بن هما يونس شاه
السلطان
date

3. 1 Falus of 48 rati. Type as XII/6.

4. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati. Type as XII/6.

5. 2 Falus of 48 rati. Type as XII/6.

6. 3 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

الله
المختص
نعمت الدين
والدين

Rev.

محمد شاه
بن هما يونس شاه
السلطان
date



XII/1



XII/6

7. 3 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

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المختص
نعمت الله نيا
والن بن

Rev.

محمد شاه
بن هما بن شاه
السلطان خلد ملكه
date

XIII. MAHMUD SHAH, 1482-1518

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati.

obv.

بن د
صيف
شاه

Rev.

محمد
شاه

2. 1 Falus of 40 rati.

Obv.

الله
بن
المو يد

Rev.

محمد
شاه بن
محمد شاه

3. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

علي الله
المو كل

Rev.

محمد
شاه بن
محمد شاه

4. 1 Falus of 48 rati. Type as XIII/10.

5. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati. Type as XIII/10.

6. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati. Type as XIII/9.

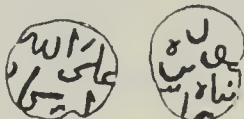
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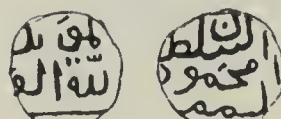
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الله



XIII/3



XIII/7

8. 2 Falus of 48 rati. Type as XIII/10.

9. 2 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

المشوك كل على
الله القوي
الغنى

Rev.

محمود شاه
بن محمد شاه
له



XIII/6



XIII/9



10. 3 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

المشوك كل على
الله الخان المنان
ابو الغانم

Rev.

محمود شاه
بن محمد شاه
السلطان
date



XIII/10



XIV. WALIULLAH SHAH, 1522-24

1. 1 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

الله
بن
المفيد

Rev.

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السلطان
٩٣٥

2. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati. Type as XIV/3.
 3. 2 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

الله
بني
المؤيد
القوي

Rev.

الله
السلطان
لهم



XIV/1



XIV/3



4. 3 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

الله
بني
المؤيد
القوي

Rev.

الله
السلطان
محمد
الهم



XIV/4



XV. KALIMULLAH SHAH, 1524-26

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

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السلطان
٩٣٥

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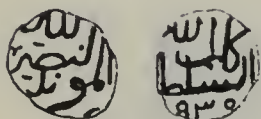
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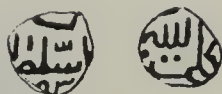
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XV/1



XV/2

3. 1 Falus of 48 rati. Type as XV/8.

4. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati. Type as XV/8.

5. $1\frac{1}{2}$ Falus of 48 rati. Type as XV/7.

6. 2 Falus of 48 rati. Type as XV/8.

7. 2 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

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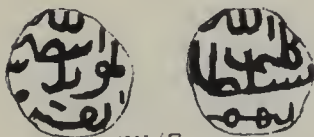
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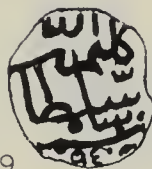
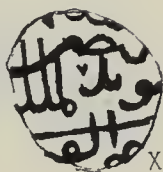
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السلطان
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الله



XV/9

10. 3 Falus of 48 rati.

Obv.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESSES AND COLLECTING SPECIALTIES (CONT'D):

434-MT David Robert Cridland, c/o Reading and Bates, BI, International
Bld., Orchard Road, Singapore 9
(Chinese Cash and Ancients)

495-MT Jon H. Esslinger, 3117 South Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99507
(Netherlands and Colonies)

FOUNDER James L. Ferrell, 8521 Dunlap Drive, Dallas, Texas 75217
(World Types)

268 Mrs. B. Rauch, P. O. Box 60321, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles,
Calif. 90060 -- (Dealer in Paper Currency)

486-MT Wm. L. Robinson, c/o H. L. Steinberg, 21 West Goethe, No. 10-F,
Chicago, Ill. 60610 -- (Chinese, Struck and Cast)

688-MT Bruce Smith, 8829 Santa Bella, Hazelwood, Mo. 63042
(East Asian)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

With the close of 1972 we finally reached our cherished goal of 500 active members (with this month's applicants). Our thanks to all who helped in achieving this goal.

Also, I wish to thank the 32% of our membership who have already responded to our dues billing which was sent out only two short weeks before press deadline of this issue. It is this type of wholehearted response that has enabled NI to grow from 14 founding members to 501 members in just eight and one-half years. During the past six years (the only period for which we have accurate records) our membership has grown from 82 to 501, a five-fold increase. Even more remarkable is the fact that of the 752 people who have been on our rolls, 501 still retain their membership.

Now I must ask you for help in locating some of our missing members. The following have had mail returned with the post office notation "Cannot Locate", "Moved, Left No Forwarding Address", etc. If you know the location of any of these members, please notify Jack E. Lewis at the regular NI address:

400 Philip L. Lawrence, Princeton, N. J.
349 Don MacRae, Ottawa, Canada
707 Wm. N. Owens, Dallas, Texas
549 Robt. E. Usrey, Clearfield, Utah
293 Thomas D. Wooldridge, Jackson, Miss.

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ORDER SLIPS: Due to expansion of the bulletin, the weight factor for postage will not permit us to send a new order slip each month. Please retain all unused order slips for future use as some months during 1973 the mailing will not include one. It was felt that the majority would rather have one sheet (4 pages) more in the bulletin than receive a order slip each month. Orders can also be placed without the order slip, just don't forget to add the postage as shown on the slips.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: The following items have been added to the NI Library and are now available for 30-day loan periods:

<u>Book or Periodical</u>	<u>Donor</u>
"Emergency Coins of Germany", by The Emergency Money Society and Richard Upton	Richard Upton
"Guide Book of Modern Latin American Coins", by Robert P. Harris	Edward E. Slade, Jr.
"Medieval Bracteates - An Empirical Guide", by Dr. John F. Lotka, Jr.	W. B. Butterworth
"Greek Coins and Their Values", by H. A. Seaby	W. B. Butterworth
"Checklist of the Coins of Portugal and the Portuguese Colonies From Luis I to Date", by John K. Graves	John K. Graves

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6TH NI MAIL BID SALE -- LOTS NOW BEING ACCEPTED:

IMPORTANT CHANGES -- Temporarily, this sale will be handled in Dallas. We are in the process of trying to locate another group outside of Dallas to handle the 7th and 8th sales which are also scheduled for 1973. In the meantime, all lots and correspondence should be sent to the regular club address in Dallas. DO NOT send any lots to North Little Rock, Arkansas, as they will only have to be forwarded to Dallas.

Second, a change has been made for this sale on the way the lots will be listed. Instead of listing a catalog value for the lots, each lot will carry a "MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID". If you want to put a reserve bid on your lots, please list each reserve bid at the time you send your lots. If you do not place a reserve bid on your lots when you send them in, the Mail Bid Committee will put a "MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID" on each lot for you. It is highly recommended that each member sending in lots place his own reserve bid on them.

Other than the above changes, rules will generally follow the same guidelines as those under which the 5th Sale was conducted, i.e. maximum of 10 lots per member, maximum number of coins allowed per individual lot will be FIVE, unless the lot consists of a standard recognized set of one country. If you have any questions concerning the Sale, please write to the regular club address and mark your envelope: "Attention: Mail Bid Committee".

The following schedule will be adhered to for this 6th NI Mail Bid Sale:

Lots accepted through February 20, 1973. (All lots must be in Dallas by that date.)

Catalog to be mailed with the March 1973 NI Bulletin.

Bidding will close as of April 20, 1973.

REMEMBER: SEND YOUR LOTS TO DALLAS ADDRESS. DO NOT SEND TO ARKANSAS.

AUCTION CATALOG PROJECT: Some time ago, John Vandigriff asked members to send in unwanted Auction Catalogs for a special project.

The project is to make up a pre-Craig index for the NI Library. Wherever possible, he is trying to obtain two copies of each auction catalog so as to have one to cut up for making the master index copy and one to keep in the NI Library for future reference.

Anyone that has not sent in catalogs are invited to send unwanted auction catalogs as they will be of great help in this very worthwhile project. Mark all packages for this project to the attention of John Vandigriff.

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"GOALS FOR NI" COMMITTEES: If you haven't sent in your name to serve on one of the many "Goals for NI" Committees, please consider this now. It's not too late to join up with a committee and work toward the betterment and future plans of your organization. See the December NI Bulletin for a list of the committees.

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BACK ISSUES OF NI BULLETINS FOR SALE: The following issues of NI Bulletins are still available at a cost of \$.25 cents each:

- 1970 -- All issues except January and May
- 1971 -- All issues except January, February and March
- 1972 -- All issues except January

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AWARDS PRESENTED AT DECEMBER BANQUET

Twenty-three (23) NI members were awarded "Numismatic Achievement" certificates at the December banquet.

Winning Awards for preparation and delivery of a paper or lecture were:

William E. Benson:	"Baubles and Barter From Around the World"
Irving Berlin:	"Medieval Portuguese Coinage"
K. T. Edwards:	"Baubles and Barter From Around the World"
Dr. Howard Ford:	"Thalers of Prussia - 1750 to 1871"
Virgil G. Jackson:	"The Isle of Man"
Ross Schraeder:	"Hammered English Groats"
Elmore Scott:	"Canadian Bank Tokens"

Winning Awards for the best articles printed in the NI Bulletin for the period of November 1971 through October 1972 were:

Joel Anderson:	"St. George and the Dragon"
George Ballis:	"Unlisted Greek Tokens"
Richard K. Bright:	"Coinage of Kutch, Part V and Part VI"
Dolores H. Davis:	"The Coinage of Estonia"
Val DeCarlo:	"1822 Sixteenth Dollar 'Anchor Money' of the British Colonies"

John K. Graves:	"Korean Cast Coinage---Summary of the Ho Issues"
William D. Horr:	"Political Aspects of Roman Coin Reverses"
Soli R. Icewalla:	"The Story of the Lunawada Coins" and "Hyderabad Rupee A.H. 1330"
Dr. Michael Kupa:	"Paper Money of the Second Hungarian Inflation 1945-1946"
Walter W. Leonard:	"Roman Propaganda: The Coinage of Caesar Augustus 44 BC - 14 AD"
Richard D. Montrey:	"The Influence of Warfare on Numismatics"
Albert J. Ruh:	"Japanese Occupation Coins -- Thailand" and "Counterfeit Siamese Bullet Coins"
Henry W. Schab:	"A Numismatic History of Ancient Poland -- Era of Mieszko I 960-992"
R. T. Somaiya:	"Hyderabad Rupee A.H. 1330"
William B. Warden, Jr.:	"Admiral Vernon and a Medal Commemorating His Capture of Porto Bello"
Chris R. Wilken, Jr.:	"Hua Hsing Bank Essays"

In addition to the "Numismatic Achievement" awards, two other special awards were bestowed upon NI members for special achievements.

Dolores H. Davis was presented the first "NI Literary Award" in the form of a Bronze Medal for her excellent work "Czechoslovak Coins", the first book to be published by Numismatics International authored by an NI member.

The "Board of Governors Award", which was inaugurated in 1970, was awarded to W. B. "Bud" Butterworth. This award is paid for by the Board members and goes to the person who they feel singly did more for the betterment of Numismatics International during the year than any other member. The award to Bud is the culmination of two years work on the committee which conducted the first five NI Mail Bid Sales. It was mainly through Bud's efforts in handling these sales that we were able to apply the profits from the sales toward reduction of our club deficit. The deficit was completely erased during 1972 and the club is now operating in the black. The "Board of Governors Award" is not awarded each year, only in the years that it is felt a single member is deserving of the award.

The cut-off date set for consideration of Awards in any calendar year is October 31st. Annually, achievements eligible for awards in November and December will be honored in the following year's presentations.

Bruce Smith's "WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

RIDER: A Scottish coin issued by James III about 1470. The design of the coin consisted of a mounted rider, hence the name. The Dutch RYDER issued in gold is so named for the same reason. Another similar coin in silver is called a RIJDERDAALDER, that is, rider dollar.

CAVALLO: A small copper coin of the Two Sicilies probably introduced about 1490. Said to be so called because of the design of a free horse and the inscription: "Equitas Regni" (reign of the horse? year of the horse?). Cavallo of course means horse.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT A NEW BOOK ON MOROCCAN COINS

Submitted by Robert L. Ballard

(Ed. Note: The following is a letter received from member Ballard concerning the manipulation of values in a new book on Moroccan coins which benefits the author.)

As an avid collector and researcher of the numismatics of Morocco, I have established several contacts both in Morocco and the neighboring countries. I correspond with several numismatists in the Mediterranean area. One of these individuals is Senor Jose Maria Sanchez-Giron Blasco of Ceuta who recently published a reference on Moroccan coins titled "Monedas de Marruecos". The book is soft covered with the text in both Spanish and English. It lists the struck coinage from Hassan I (1879) through the current ruler Hassan II with some historical data, counterfeits, and patterns, all with dates and mints and most with prices.

The subject of prices is the reason for writing this letter. Through an unlikely set of circumstances, I received copies of this book from three sources. Sr. Giron sent me an autographed complimentary copy, a friend in Tangier sent a copy, after I had purchased a copy from a dealer in Madrid. The coin valuations are printed on a separate list inside the back cover. The copy from Giron listed prices in Spanish pesetas, the Madrid copy was in US dollars, and the Tangier copy was prices in Morocco dirhems. This system would be quite advisable except for one reason. The author has manipulated the valuation so he can buy certain keys and sleepers at low prices in Spain and Morocco while he shows the values at several times that price to numismatists away from the Mediterranean area.

Such tactics are very unfair to readers, collectors, and researchers who will most likely see only one valuation list as it comes with their copy, depending on where their copy was purchased. Almost all of the coins listed are inconsistent with normal currency conversion rates. Some of the best examples are:

Catalog No.	\$	Dh	Ptas	Catalog No.	\$	Dh	Ptas
1	75	100	1000	51	18	20	200
2	75	75	750	52	20	17	200
3	100	75	750	53	14	20	200
4	35	50	500	54	22	20	200
5	35	50	500	58	10	25	350
6	35	50	500	62	10	15	175
7	45	30	300	66	10	25	400
8	65	50	500	70	10	25	375
9	90	75	750	74	10	25	400
16	11	30	600	82	8	20	430
41	100	50	600	84	8	12	225
42	100	50	600	88	11	30	400
46	16	15	100	89	50	160	2500
47	14	12	100	91	11	15	250
48	14	10	75	93	12	40	650
49	20	5	50	103	9	25	600
50	20	5	50	123	14	7	100

For those who are not current on the exchange rates, the dirhem are about 4.6 to the dollar (22 cents each) and the peseta are about 62

to the dollar. A bit of comparison with the valuations listed will show the manipulation.

Sr. Giron asked me to edit his book and offer any corrections or criticism noted. He mentioned that he intended to publish a second edition and include about 100 years of coinage prior to the first edition coverage. I told the Senor that I preferred not to be associated with his publication and admonished him for his deception.

Perhaps you will find it in the best interest of your readers to inform them of this situation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert L. Ballard

CHECKLIST OF THE COINS OF PORTUGAL AND ITS COLONIES FROM LUIS I TO DATE

by John K. Graves

I have recently submitted a checklist of the coins of Portugal and its Colonies to the NI Library which is available to interested members.

There are several coins in the checklist that I do not have nor have been able to verify in someone else's collection.

I would like to obtain foil copies (or the coins themselves) in order to update this checklist and make it as accurate as possible. If some members have one or more, but not for sale, I would like to borrow them, paying postage and insurance both ways, in order to make a foil copy. If you don't want to send the coins, then I would appreciate your making me an aluminum foil copy in a 2 x 2 holder. Silver coins should be made with the shiny side out and copper-nickel pieces with the dull side out. I use florist foil for copper, bronze and aluminum-bronze pieces.

The following coins are needed for verification:

Portugal:	Y2	5 Reis	1871,	1873,	1877			
	Y3	10 Reis	1868,	1870,	1874,	1878		
	Y4	20 Reis	1870,	1871,	1872			
	Y8	50 Reis	1864,	1868,	1888			
	Y9	100 Reis	1864,	1866,	1869,	1872,	1873,	1881
	Y10	200 Reis	1865,	1866,	1867,	1868,	1876,	1877,
			1878,	1879,	1888			
	Y11	500 Reis	1864,	1872,	1876			
	Y21	100 Reis	1894					
	Y23	500 Reis	1894,	1895,	1900,	1903,	1906	
	Y38	5 Centavos	1922					
	Y44	20 Centavos	1922					
	Y45	50 Centavos	1925					
	Y55	1 Escudo	1935					

Timor:	Y1	10	Avos	1945
	Y3	50	Avos	1945

Anyone that can assist me in this research project should contact me at: Box 91, Contoocook, N. H. 03229. Thank you.

GERMAN NOTGELD SHOWING WITCHES

Most of the witch theme notgeld seem to center around the Brocken, highest mountain in the great Harz range stretching across central Germany. According to local legend, each year on the evening of April 30th, witches rode their broomsticks and goats through the air to the top of the Brocken to celebrate some hellish festival. Notgeld dated "Walpurgis" or "Walpurgisnacht" refers to this occasion. The Kahla witch note adds 30 April while the Thale issue assumed that every inhabitant knew the date and meaning of Walpurgis. Except for Kahla, the towns using witch-Brocken-Walpurgis themes seem to be those located nearest to the mountain itself. A restaurant built high on the mountain, the Brockenhaus, also issued notes featuring the witch topic. The notes are signed by Rudolph Schade, der Brockenwirt or proprietor of the restaurant. Schierke, name of the nearest town, does not appear on the notes issued by the Brockenhaus.

The German writer, Goethe, used the Walpurgis night legend in his famous play, "Faust". Scenes from the play are pictured on notgeld issued by the town of Schierke. The 10 and 75 pf. notes of Schierke-Brockenhaus issue dated 1 July 1921 allude to this classic story. Schierke and several other towns issued notgeld with specific references to Goethe and his writings. A complete collection of Goethe notgeld would present a challenging but rewarding enterprise.

(Ed. Note: The above extracted from "NOTGELD NEWSLETTER NO. 2", published by Dwight L. Musser, Box 305, Ridge Manor, Fla. 33525, which is available from Mr. Musser at .25 cents per copy.)

GDR 5 Mark 1972, Brahms Commemorative:

A Musical Falsification

Submitted by Klaus Persing

Johannes Brahms died on the 3rd of April, 1897 in Vienna.

The German Democratic Republic (GDR) has struck a 5 Mark coin dated 1972 in Copper-Nickel, 29mm, designated in R. S. Yeoman's "new issues" as Y-37. The coin commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the death of the famous musician.

The inscription on the obverse of the coin consists of the name "Johannes Brahms" and the years "1833 1897" of his birth and death. Between them you can see the five lines with the clef and the horn motif incipit from the finale of the first symphony. (Introduction: in Latin incipit)

The sequence of the notes is "e-d-h-g". This sequence is not correct. The correct sequence is "e-d-c-g", consequently the coin is a musical falsification.

Surely the value of this coin will increase due to this error.



BOOK REVIEWS

Thomas E. Mowrey: "One Cash Coins of China's Manchu Dynasty, 1644-1911", St. Paul, the Author, 32 pp., illustrated:

This catalog serves two useful purposes, as a beginner's guide to this series of cash-type coins, and as a handy checklist for advanced collectors to carry with them when visiting coin bourses, etc. It has several faults, however, which hopefully will be corrected in a subsequent edition.

In the first place, it ought to be retitled 1659-1911, as the catalog does not cover coins of the first ruler of the Ch'ing dynasty bearing only Chinese characters, the "series one" coins with a single Chinese mint character top or right on the reverse, or the "series two", with the Chinese mint character on the right and the theoretical value of one-li on the left. Secondly, two of the other mints are missing, the Tai-yuan, Shansi, mint with the character yuan in Chinese and Manchu (series 4), and the coins of the mint Kung-ch'ang, Kansu, which the author perhaps confuses with Kuang-chow, Kwangtung. On the other hand, he has given several Nan (Hunan) coins to An(king). An does not have a "dot" to the left of the script. Coin no. 6308 shows a good example of an Anking coin.

The illustrations are not very good. The mintmarks on pages 8-9 are not as good as those on page 30. The author refers throughout to words attributed to Mr. Schjoth (Fr. Schjoth's "Chinese Currency"), which are in actuality thoughts expressed in the revised edition by Virgil Hancock.

On page 7 the author notes an "important" variation of the Ch'ien Lung coin. Here, he should follow the advice he gives on page 9, for such variations are not too important.

The author attempts to give five grades of condition to which he affixes five valuations. I think this is a bit too much for these cast coins but if the reader can recognize the five categories of wear, more power to him.

All in all, the book is a good vade mecum, and is perhaps helpful to those collectors who cannot find up or down on these Chinese coins. Another edition, and the bugs can be extracted.

Reviewed by Patrick D. Hogan

(Editor's Note: Retail Price of this book is \$1.85. Pat Hogan has offered to ship any members interested a copy for \$1.00 postpaid which is his cost. He will bear the postage expense. Send a note along with \$1.00 to Patrick D. Hogan, 614 So. Johnson St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240.)

Bruce Smith's "WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

ACEY: A denomination of the Gold Coast, introduced as a coin in 1796. Coined in silver by the Soho and Watt mints in England. The word comes from akee, a plant native to the Gold Coast. The seeds of the akee plant were used as weight standards by the natives.

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SWEDEN:	Y90	10 Kroner 1972, Silver (32mm) King's 90th Birthday Comm.
TURKEY:	Y121	50 Lira 1972, Silver (34.5mm) 50th Anniversary Battle with Greeks

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Bruce Smith's "WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

BATZ: A base silver coin of Germany and Switzerland. The term comes from the Swiss "betz" or the German "batz", both meaning bear. The bear is the emblem of Bern, Switzerland, and is usually seen on her coins.

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## WHY DID YOU START COLLECTING COINS?

by Bill Naylor

I am starting a data search into the why's, who's, and where's of good old coin collecting. For many years I have wanted to know what makes a person turn to collecting coins. I have never seen any convincing figures to prove anything. It has always been someone's educated guess.

Enclosed with this month's NI Bulletin is a questionnaire which I would like to have completed by each member and returned to me. You will note that your name is not required. This will assure your privacy in making a response. Just fill in the questionnaire and return it to me in a plain envelope (no return address needed).

After getting all replies, I will tabulate and collate all the data and a report of the results will be printed in a future issue of the NI Bulletin.

Thank you for your support of this endeavor.

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EDITOR'S COMMENT: We presently have a good backlog of articles on hand for the early and mid-1973 bulletins. However, with the plans of having 300 pages of NI Bulletin in print this year, we will surely be needing more material than normally comes in. If you yearn to be a novice or professional numismatic writer, send us your articles now for inclusion in the NI Bulletin during 1973.